(b) and (c) Each and every case of compassionate appointment is finalised expeditiously. All other dues and facilities, as per rules, are also arranged on a priority basis.

Ongoing projects in Orissa

3163. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of ongoing projects and survey completed projects in the State of Orissa; (b) whether there is time limit for completing these ongoing projects in the State;

(c) if so, the reason for delay in completion of the ongoing projects; and

(d) whether Government would provide the funds to the long pending survey completed projects of the State to start them immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) 5 new lines, 2 gauge conversion, 12 doubling projects are in progress in the State of Orissa. 5 Nos. of surveys were completed during the last three years in Orissa. Timely completion of projects depends upon availability of resources and other factors. In some projects, delay is on account of land acquisition, adverse law and order conditions, local resistance where land has been acquired for want of adequate compensation and slow progress by the contractors. The projects are being progressed as per the available resources. However, 7 projects are likely to be completed during 2009-10.

(d) Funds are being provided to those projects which are taken up after completion of survey.

Manned/unmanned railway crossings

3164. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway crossing in the country; manned/unmanned, category-wise;

(b) the total number of accidents at railway crossings, during last three years, category-wise;

(c) the passengers and others, killed/injured; category-wise;

(d) the compensation paid thereof; and

(e) the roadmap for converting unmanned to manned crossings to minimize accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Number of manned/unmanned level crossings in the country as on 01.04.2009 are as under:—

Zones	Number of manned level crossings	Number of unmanned level crossings
Central	906	335
Eastern	915	375
Northern	2533	1825
North Eastern	1030	1674
Northeast Frontier	701	1098
Southern	1729	1235
South Central	1234	1213
South Eastern	424	1023
Western	1810	2731
East Central	1005	835
East Coast	484	757
North Central	1033	537
North Western	1456	1398
South East Central	472	743
South Western	665	879
West Central	847	318
TOTAL:	17244	16976

(b) Number of accidents in last three years at manned/unmanned level crossings is as under:—

Year	Manned	Unmanned
2006-07	07	72
2007-08	12	65
2008-09	07	62

(c) Passengers and others killed/injured last three years at manned/unmanned level crossings are as under:—

Year	Passengers killed	Passengers injured	Others/killed	Others/injured
1	2	3	4	5
2006-07				
Manned	—	—	11	08
Unmanned	01	16	144	138

1	2	3	4	5
2007-08				
Manned	101	04	25	39
Unmanned	02	49	146	93
2008-09				
Manned	01	—	18	54
Unmanned	—	41	127	85

(d) Compensation paid on accidents at manned/unmanned level crossings during the last three years in case of death and injury of road users is as under:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

Years	Manned level crossing		Unmanned level crossing		Total
	Death	Injury	Death	Injury	
2006-07	18.91	05.68	06.78	01.48	32.85
2007-08	04.00	07.48	15.29	06.28	33.05
2008-09	49.24	01.75	07.68	02.33	61.00
TOTAL:	72.15	14.91	29.75	10.09	126.90

(e) Manning of Unmanned level crossings qualifying for manning as per the laid down criteria is an on-going activity of Indian Railways.

Achievement of doubling and conversion target

3165. SHRI RAHUL BAJAJ:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that only a small portion of the doubling and conversion target for the year 2008-09 has been achieved but most of the budget for this activity has been spent; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) The main reason for not being able to achieve the targets set for gauge conversion and doubling has been slow progress during 2008-09 due to abnormal increase in prices of steel witnessed in the later part of 2007-08 resulting into slowing down of works due to failure of the contractors. The expenditure has been incurred on various activities on the ongoing projects. The expenditure under doubling was lesser than the allocation.